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Czechoslovak technical assistance to C H I N A .

Date of event: Summer 1952

1. As from July 1st, 1952 a number of Czechoslovak engineers has been leaving for communist China. They are specialists for the construction of bridges, canals, railroads, etc. This technical aid to China has been agreed upon during the Czechoslovak-Chinese negotiations, which were conducted this Spring. The head of the Czechoslovak Delegation at that time was- as will be recalled- the Minister of Information Vaclav KOPECKY.
2. The Czechoslovak experts who are leaving for China have been undergoing specialized training in certain Czechoslovak industrial enterprises. Some of these experts are to remain in China for 3 months, though the majority have had to sign long-term contracts of 3 to 4 years which they are to spend in China. 50X1-HUM
3. In this connection an interesting side-light has been thrown upon Russo-Satellite relations
4. China originally approached Czechoslovakia, early this year, with a request for technical assistance given by Czechoslovak experts, as well as for delivery of rail-road cars, radar-stations and R.R. rails. The U.S.S.R., however, flatly refused to permit direct negotiations between China and Czechoslovakia and insisted that these be conducted via Moscow. Nevertheless, the Chinese Government was so firm in its demand for direct negotiations, that the USSR. finally gave in and permitted the abovementioned direct discussions.

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